



*Flathead Conservation District*  
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**CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

**Board members present:** Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Pete Woll, Vice Chairman; Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; Dean Sirucek, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Sarah Bowman, Big Sky Watershed Corps & FCD; Dan Evans; Davar Gardner; Tom Esch; Wes Plummer; Don Murray; Ron Incoronato; Mikel Siemens, Core Water Consulting; Marcel Quinn; Patrick Sullivan.

**MINUTES:** Dean Sirucek made a motion "to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2016, business meeting as presented." Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. The 2016 Montana Range Forum will be held May 4-5, Big Horn Resort & Convention Center in Billings. Contact 406-322-5359.
  2. Applications for conservation projects to benefit sage grouse and sage grouse habitat were due April 8.  
For information go to <https://sagegrouse.mt.gov/grants.html>
  3. Spring issue of Lewis & Clark CD newsletter *The Explorer*
  4. DNRC 4/1/2016 *Notes for CD's*
  5. Whitefish Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016, 6:00 P.M. in the Whitefish City Council Chambers at 1005 Baker Avenue.
  6. DNRC & DEQ have created a tag board for Earth Day, which CD's can place photos and information to regarding district activities. Those with a Facebook, Twitter or Instagram account should add the tag line #MTeard16. For those without a social media account, photos can be emailed directly to [Earthday2016instagram@mt.gov](mailto:Earthday2016instagram@mt.gov)
  7. Applications for the DEQ Volunteer Monitoring Support Program are due April 18, 2016, by 5:00 P.M. All information is on the NPS program's wiki site:  
<http://montananps319grants.pbworks.com/w/page/21640346/Montana%20DEQ%20NPS%20-%20Volunteer%20Monitoring%20Wiki>
  8. The April 6, 2016 issue of SWCDM *The Montana Conservationist*
  9. 2016 NACD Annual Report booklet
  10. The Rangeland Resources Executive Committee (RREC) and the Stillwater CD announce the 2016 Montana Range Forum, May 4-5, Bighorn Resort, Billings. Contact 406-444-5519 or 406-322-5359 ext. 101.
  11. MACD Resolution Process
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12. Gallatin CD is hosting a gardening class presented by Toby Day, MSU Extension Horticulture Specialist & Master Gardener Instructor on Thursday, April 14, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M., Gallatin CD conference room.
13. Notice: Clark Fork Basin Coordination Meeting, Friday, April 15, University of Montana, Native American Studies Building - Room 9, 10:00 AM – 1:00 P.M. Contact 406-475-1420.
14. Notice: MACD Committee Meetings:
  - District Operations: Thursday, April 14, 7:30 – 8:30 A.M.
  - Education: Thursday, April 14, 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.
  - Water: Monday, April 18, 9:00 – 10:00 A.M.
 Call 1-888-575-2051, No PIN
15. Information from April, 7, 2016 Flathead River Flood Level meeting
16. Thank-you card from MACD re: dues
17. Thank-you card from Sarah Ward, college scholarship recipient.

**FINANCIAL:** The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$45.00
2. FFE \$6,000.00
3. Flathead Beacon \$990.00
4. Mountain States Leasing \$1545.56
5. Mountain Trader \$62.00
6. NW MT Fair \$340.00
7. FVCC \$240.00
8. Pacific Lutheran University \$1,000.00

Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Ron Incononato presented a request to the board for a permit modification under FL2015046. Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “to approve the permit modification as submitted 4/11/2016 per phone poll to be conducted.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously. *Note: The phone poll was conducted and approved 4/11/2016.*

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**DEPT HUD CA, FL2016017C, Bowser Spring Creek, complaint:** Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to table until the April business meeting.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**EVANS (STEVE), FL2016012, Flathead River, dock:** Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**EVANS (DAN)**, FL2016013, Flathead River, dock: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FH STOLTZE L&L**, FL2016015, Various streams, annual maintenance: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports. Culvert extensions are excluded.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FH STOLTZE L&L**, FL2016016, S. Fork Canyon Creek, channel alteration: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**GARDNER**, FL2016020, Unnamed, culverts: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, April 13, 9:30 A.M. at the site.

**GILBERT**, FL2016014, Unnamed, chnl alt/stream-floodplain restoration: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, April 25, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

**HARDY**, FL2015051, Stillwater River, bank stabil/fill/debris removal: Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to table until the next 310-meeting.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**JACOBSON**, FL2015073, Whale Creek, residential structure/debris removal: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Ronald Buentemeier’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PEURA**, FL2016006, Whale Creek, tree thinning/brush cutting: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “this is not a project.” Pete Woll seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PLUMMER**, FL2016018, Flathead River/Church Slough, dock & fill: An on-site inspection was set for Thursday, April 14, 8:30 A.M. at the site.

**STALOWY**, FL2016007C, Bear Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to contact DNRC to request a technical review.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “that Valerie Kurth & Pete Woll contact the County Attorney for recommendations.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**STALOWY**, FL2016008C, Bear Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to contact DNRC to request a technical review.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “that Valerie Kurth & Pete Woll contact the County Attorney for recommendations.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**STALOWY**, FL2016009C, Bear Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to contact DNRC to request a technical review.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held. Pete Woll made a motion “that Valerie Kurth & Pete Woll contact the County Attorney for recommendations.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**TOTH**, FL2016019E, Swift Creek, notice of emergency: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, April 20, 9:20 A.M. at the site.

**BROWN**, FL2016021, Rose Creek, covered boat dock: An on-site was set for Friday, April 15, 4:00 P.M. at the site.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LIVESTOCK LETTER:** Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve using the second letter drafted by Valerie Kurth regarding livestock and streams.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**AQUIFER PRESENTATION EXPENSES:** Mark Siderius reported approximately 250-270 people attended the April 6<sup>th</sup> Deep Aquifer presentation by Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG) scientists James Rose and John Wheaton. A copy of the scientist’s presentation slides will eventually be posted on the MBMG website.

Mark noted the focus of the April 6<sup>th</sup> presentation was **not** on the proposed bottling plant. However, numerous calls were still received by the Flathead River Commission, Flathead Conservation District and Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) regarding that issue.

Discussion held regarding FVCC security costs. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve the invoice from FVCC for security of the Deep Aquifer presentation in the amount of \$240.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

- **FAMILY FORESTRY EXPO:** Valerie Kurth asked for volunteers for May 2-6 event. A scheduling sheet will be available at the April business meeting.
- **COST-SHARE PROCESS**
- **KRAUSE CREEK**
- **STAFFING UPDATE**

The next business-meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2016, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Pete Woll made a motion “to adjourn.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

*Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:*

<u>4/25/2016</u>	<u>Ronald Buentemeier</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

